

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 14-1181V

Filed: March 27, 2015

Not for Publication

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NICOLE C'DEBACA,

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Petitioner,

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Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;
Influenza Vaccine ("Flu");
Shoulder Injury Related to
Vaccine Administration ("SIRVA");
Special Processing Unit ("SPU")

v.

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

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Respondent.

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Maximillian J. Muller, Muller Brazil, LLP, Philadelphia, PA, for petitioner.

Alexis B. Babcock, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Vowell, Chief Special Master:

On December 8, 2014, Nicole C'Debaca filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*² [the "Vaccine Act" or "Program"]. The petition alleges that as a result of an influenza ("flu") vaccination on November 1, 2013, petitioner suffered a shoulder injury. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On March 27, 2015, respondent filed her Rule 4(c) Report ["Respondent's Report"], in which she concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent's Report at 3. Specifically, respondent concedes that petitioner "suffered a

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, it will be posted on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, § 205, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (codified as amended at 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2006)). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all "§" references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2006).

non-Table injury of Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration and that the preponderance of the medical evidence indicates that the injury was causally related to the vaccination." *Id.*

In view of respondent's concession and the evidence before me, I find that petitioner is entitled to compensation.

s/Denise K. Vowell

Denise K. Vowell
Chief Special Master